



Letter from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As Asian spirituality scholar Choan-Seng Song put it: “[The] future belongs to those who dare to dream and to tell their dreams in stories.”

We’ve had many stories to share lately. The Beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, in Le Mans, France. Father Moreau celebrations at Holy Cross schools around the world (*see page 2*). And the continuing success of our service learning programs (*see back page*).

We recently implemented a new way to tell these and other stories: Elluminate. This web conferencing and distance-learning tool allows any number of users to connect across the globe using any computer. We’ve experimented with Elluminate through recent live online discussions and plan a more formal live chat on Feb. 14 to get principals and other staff talking about how they integrate the Holy Cross tradition into their curriculum. We’ll also demonstrate Elluminate during Convocation 2008 (*see story, this page*) so that school representatives can see the possibilities for use on their own campuses. In addition, the Holy Cross Institute Program Development Committee is considering using Elluminate to hold online meetings and researching the feasibility of training board members with online tutorials.

These new efforts serve to remind that the charism Father Moreau bequeathed to us is given to be shared, acted upon, invested in, enriched and transmitted to the next generation. They will help us address how we not only tell and pass on our story, but how we raise up students as new storytellers.

Sincerely,

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MARCH CONVOCATION TO EXPLORE SOCIAL JUSTICE

What does Christian service really mean? How do you create a more human and just world? And how do you get students committed to these ideas? Holy Cross educators, administrators and board members will be asking these and other questions when they gather in Austin March 30–April 1 for the Holy Cross Institute Convocation 2008.

Themed “Holy Cross Education: The Social Justice Dimension,” the third annual convocation will explore the Holy Cross tradition of Christian service. “Basil Moreau: Educator for Justice,” a keynote address by Sister Amata Miller, IHM, kicks off an exploration of the past, present and future of the Holy Cross commitment to social justice. Here’s a snapshot of some of the scheduled sessions (subject to change):

Domestic Immersion Programs

A look at the how-tos of planning and implementing domestic immersion experiences, using those at St. Francis High School as examples.

St. Edward High School Retreat Programs

A review of the 12 retreats offered at St. Edward High School and details on how to start similar programs.

Holy Cross High School Service Learning Program

An exploration of the Holy Cross High School program that integrates both coursework on social justice and actual community service.

Pastoral Life Team: Campus Ministry Shared

A review of Gilmour Academy’s Pastoral Life program, which integrates under one umbrella Campus Ministry, faculty formation, counseling, religious curriculum, service, and retreat and diversity programs.

Working with ADD and ADHD

An overview of St. Edward High School’s 10-year program that coordinates the efforts of counselors, faculty, parents and students to address Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

For more information on the convocation, contact Laura Sanders at 512-637-1962 or Lauras@stedwards.edu.



Mass during the Beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France, where members of the Holy Cross community gathered from around the world. *For more on the event, see page 2.*

Beatification Celebrations

On Sept. 15, 2007, Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, was beatified in LeMans, France. The gathering created an unprecedented opportunity for Holy Cross community members from around the world to mingle.

“In knowing them, I have been given a glimpse of Father Moreau’s vision of one family united in faith to help one another,” says Michael Marinelli, headmaster of St. Edmond’s Academy in Wilmington, Del.

Terry Lee, principal of Moreau Catholic High School of Hayward, Calif., shares similar sentiments. “This historic occasion reinforced the family aspect of Holy Cross,” he says. “I was so grateful for the opportunity to attend and to bring the photos and stories back to my school.”

Lee wasn’t the only attendee to bring back the beatification experience on his return home. Holy Cross schools and other institutions throughout the country held their own celebrations. Here’s a look at the beatification and the ways Holy Cross schools gave thanks to Moreau.



Beatification Celebrations at Holy Cross Schools



Holy Cross School, New Orleans, La.
Students join in a mass honoring the newly beatified Moreau.



Holy Cross of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
A student reads during a Moreau celebration. In the background: a new image of Moreau created by St. Edward’s University student Enrique Villarreal.



Holy Cross High School, Flushing, N.Y.
Bishop Guy Sansaricq, DD, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn (*center*), serves as principal celebrant and homilist.



Bishop McNamara High School, Forestville, Md.
Bishop Martin D. Holley, auxiliary bishop of Washington, greets Dan Curtin, the school’s chairman of the board, and Heather Gossart, the school’s president and CEO.

Beatification Reception, Le Mans, France



Brother Richard Gilman, CSC (*left*), president of Holy Cross College, and Brother Paul Mensah, CSC (*right*), district superior of Ghana, joined guests for the reception hosted by the mayor of Laigne-en-Belin, the birthplace of Father Moreau.



Brother Joel Giallanza, CSC (*left*), and Brother Victor Monette, CSC (*right*), entering the mother church, Notre Dame de Sainte-Croix, for the evening vespers service.



Representing California: Brother William Nick, CSC, president of Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks (*left*), and Patricia Tennant, principal of St. Francis High School, Mountain View (*right*).



President George E. Martin of St. Edward's University (*center*) with wife Eva (*left*) and Archbishop Andre Richard, CSC, of Moncton, Canada (*right*).



Representing St. Edmond's Academy, Wilmington, Del.: Bill D'Amato, principal (*left*), and Michael Marinelli, headmaster (*right*).



From left: Brothers Ronaldo, CSC, and Natalicio, CSC, of Brazil; Father Leo Poselli, CSC, of Holy Cross Family Ministries; and Brother Sergio Stolf, CSC, District Superior of Brazil.

HOBAN STUDENT PENS WINNING ESSAY

Caroline Dzeba, a senior at Archbishop Hoban High School, in Akron, Ohio, won an essay contest sponsored by Ave Maria Press. Held a month before the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau, the contest invited students to write 500 words about Moreau's life and philosophy. Dzeba's winning essay was one of more than 420 entries from over 35 high schools and won her a \$500 scholarship.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

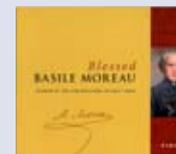


Basil Moreau and the Congregation of Holy Cross

(Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture, University of Portland, 2007)

by Brother James T. Connelly, CSC

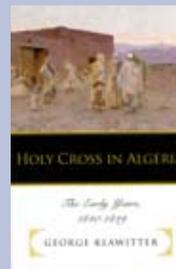
A history.



Blessed Basile Moreau: Founder of the Congregations of Holy Cross

(Éditions Fides, 2007)

A short history of Blessed Basil Moreau and Holy Cross prepared for the beatification on Sept. 15, 2007.

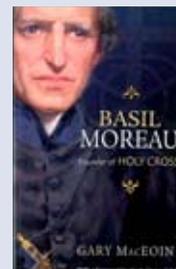


Holy Cross in Algeria: The Early Letters, 1840-1849

(Writer's Press Club, September 2007)

by Brother George Klawitter, CSC

Translations from French of letters from the first Holy Cross missionaries to Algeria.

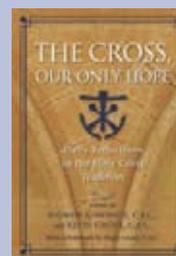


Basil Moreau: Founder of Holy Cross

(Ave Maria Press, 2007)

by Gary MacEoin

A biography.



The Cross, Our Only Hope: Daily Reflections on the Holy Cross Tradition

(Ave Maria Press, 2008)

by Brother Andrew Gawrych, CSC, and Brother Kevin Grove, CSC

An introduction to the Congregation of Holy Cross through a series of daily meditations and reflections from Holy Cross educators.

To Serve

A look at service projects in Holy Cross high schools across the country



Scott Cermak
Holy Cross HS,
Flushing, N.Y.

Project: Teaching religion to children

Details: Teaches religion to third graders in a Sunday school program. Took a full-year Catechist course with diocesan certification to prepare.

Reflections: "Until this project, I underestimated the children and their capacity to think for themselves. I also learned that they love to learn and are eager to understand their religion. I appreciate my faith more because of their faith in God."



Jason Brandes
Holy Cross HS,
Flushing, N.Y.

Project: Visiting the elderly and disabled

Details: Regular visitations with a woman confined to a wheelchair. This includes conversations, home visits and small chores.

Reflections: "I've learned through my weekly service a respect for the whole person, to view people as people and not as disabled or elderly."



Thomas Lamb
Holy Cross HS,
Flushing, N.Y.

Project: Visiting hospitalized children

Details: Spends time with acutely and terminally ill children in a hospital.

Reflections: "I have become so attached to the kids and feel so blessed that I can share quality time with them. The way the children cope with their illnesses, their smiles and their courage have taught me that my problems are petty compared to theirs."



Thomas Schrader
Notre Dame HS,
West Haven, Conn.

Project: Tutoring schoolchildren in reading

Details: Has read every weekend since 2004. (Also volunteered on political campaign and served as peer counselor for freshmen.)

Reflections: "I still have some of the same students from when I started. They were quiet at first, but now they're excited to see me. I plan to keep doing this as long as I'm around here."



Caitlin Cusick
Bishop McNamara HS,
Forestville, Md.

Project: Hosting event for the mentally challenged

Details: Organized a January social event with three other seniors for mentally challenged people. The event featured dancing, games and activities.

Reflections: "I've helped before but didn't have the experience of doing it myself. Being the one who's setting the rules is a challenge, but it's a fulfilling experience to be with the mentally challenged and understand them better."



Joel Harrison
Bishop McNamara HS,
Forestville, Md.

Project: Organizing soccer equipment drive

Details: Collected used balls and uniforms from local organizations. Will deliver them — in person — to a 600-child orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti, this month.

Reflections: "I was surprised at the amount of equipment I got. I didn't realize how much people would be willing to help. I was originally just going to send it, but my dad said, 'Why don't we go?'"

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